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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED

1. From 7 to 31 May 1954, the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg still quartered an estimated 2,000 KVPs. On 1 June the personnel quartered in the installation was reduced to about 1,700 since about 300 men were sent to the Nochten area for four weeks' training. Other detachments were scheduled to be sent to Nochten in four-week turns.
2. The troops quartered in the Panzerjaeger Kaserne were seen at infantry training in the barracks area and at the station training grounds, engaged in record practices with infantry weapons, and driving exercises with T 34 and T 34/35 tanks. Record firing practices with tanks were held in the Weisser Berg (hill) and Nochten areas. One of these practices held on 15 May involved 12 tanks.
3. On 26 May 1954, four guns of 120 to 150 mm were observed in the area of the VP-Kaserne in Leipzig.¹ 25X1
4. On 14 May 1954, it was determined that after early May the number of men quartered in the Hutweide KVP camp near Saarenstein had increased by about 150 inductees bringing the total of KVPs stationed at Hutweide to 500 or 600 men. The KVPs observed at the installation wore red, black and blue service color.² 25X1
5. On 14 May 1954, the Niederschlag KVP camp was apparently still occupied by an estimated 400 men. Soldiers stationed at the installation wore black, red and blue service color.³ 25X1
6. The KVP engineer unit stationed at the former Otto Mader factory on Junkers Strasse in Dessau was quartered in three buildings. On 23 May 1954, it was estimated to number about 400 men. The soldiers wore black-bordered blue collar patches. This unit established a training camp on the Elbe River about 3 kilometers west of the autobahn bridge in a wooded area, on Sieglitzer Berg (hill). From 6 to 10 EM's tents were set up on the bank of the Elbe River. No practices were observed.³
7. The IFA-Works on Kl. Kuchnauer Strasse in Dessau apparently quartered a KVP school which, on 22 May 1954, was estimated to number 600 to 800 men. The men wore red service color, and the officers wore black-bordered red collar patches. On 23 May, some of the EM were seen constructing dumps at the rear of the

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billets. Another group was observed at driving school.

8. On 22 and 23 May, demonstrations of the KVP were held on Dessau airfield. These included gliding, flying contests for model aircraft, riding, and record firing practices. The models and calibers of the guns demonstrated could not be determined. Soldiers wearing green, black-bordered blue and red-bordered black collar patches participated in the demonstration.
1. Comment. The guns observed probably belong to the artillery regiment of Korps Gued which is stationed at the former Kavallerie Kaserne. 25X1
2. Comment. The installations in the Baerenstein area quarter the tank battalion and the artillery battalion of Mechanized Regiment Marienberg. In April and May 1954, inductions of recruits were also observed with other KVP units. 25X1
3. Comment. The present information confirms the engineer officer-candidate school in Dessau. 25X1
4. Comment. The type of this KVP school is undetermined. The service color indicates that the installation is an infantry officer candidate school. 25X1

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